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GENEVA FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EEC
SUBJECT: MTN:US TARIFF OFFER

1. PERMDEL SOURCE HAS GIVEN US RUNDOWN ON LAST WEEK'S
113 COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF US TARIFF OFFERS.
SOURCE STATES THAT MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS
WAS COMPLETION OF AN EC WITHDRAWAL LIST. WITHDRAWALS
WOULD BRING EC OFFER DOWN FROM 40 TO 32 PERCENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO WITHDRAWAL LIST, COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED
OVER FRG OBJECTION TO COMPILE A CONDITIONAL LIST "TO
MATCH THE US CONDITIONAL LIST", BUT DID NOT AGREE UPON
ITS COMPOSITION.

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3. WITHDRAWAL LIST REPORTEDLY IS COMPRISED OF DETAILED
LIST OF PRODUCTS INCLUDING PRODUCTS FROM PAPER, SHOE AND
LEATHER, GLASS, CHEMICAL, AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.
SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE BRITISH HAD WANTED TO INCLUDE
AUTOMOBILES ON THE LIST, BUT THAT THIS EFFORT HAD BEEN
RESISTED BY OTHER MEMBERS. AUTOMOBILES PROBABLY WILL
APPEAR ON CONDITIONAL LIST, HOWEVER. MISSION OFFICER

URGED THAT EC NOT ACT ON ONLY PARTIAL ANALYSIS OF US
OFFER AND COMMENTED THAT US SIDE HOPED FOR THOROUGH
DISCUSSION OF OFFERS CURRENTLY ON TABLE BEFORE THE
SUBJECT OF WITHDRAWALS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY INTRODUCED
INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS. SOURCE REPLIED THAT THERE IS
GREAT PRESSURE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR RAPID INTRODUC-
TION OF EXCEPTIONS LIST. SOURCE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE
MECHANICS HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON, IT IS THE
EC INTENTION THAT THE WITHDRAWAL LIST WILL BE ON THE
TABLE PRIOR TO THE APRIL 10 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN
GENEVA. MORRIS

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